

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
General Court**



**2013-2014 SESSION
LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES
AND
SIGNIFICANT DATES**

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FIRST ANNUAL SESSION



JANUARY 2, 2013

— *1st Wednesday in January of Each Year* —

House and Senate convene.

JANUARY 18, 2013

— *3rd Friday in January of 1st Annual Session* —

Deadline for Submitting Petitions (5:00 p.m.).

By JANUARY 23, 2013

— *Within 3 Weeks of Convening of the General Court* —

Governor submits General Appropriation Bill

(except 1st year of a term of a new Governor — within 8 weeks).

4 Weeks after Appointment of Committees in 1st Annual Session

Deadline for Submitting Committee Rules.

APRIL 24, 2013

— *Last Wednesday in April* —

Last day to report on Proposals for Amendments
to the Constitution.

(Note: In the 2nd year, reports may be made only on measures
referred subsequent to

Last Wednesday in April of 1st Annual Session).

MAY 8, 2013

— *2nd Wednesday in May of Each Year* —

Last day to call up a Proposal for an Amendment
to the Constitution and

Last day for the convening of the Joint Session to
consider Amendments to the Constitution.

MAY 8, 2013

— *2nd Wednesday in May* —

Last day for the House committee on Ways and Means
to report the General Appropriation Bill.

NOVEMBER 20, 2013

— *3rd Wednesday of November* —
in First Annual Session

Last day for Formal Sessions.

DECEMBER 31, 2013

Tuesday preceding the

— *1st Wednesday in January of 2nd year* —

Last day of Session of the 1st Annual Session.

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION



JANUARY 1, 2014

— *1st Wednesday in January of Each Year* —
House and Senate convene.

JANUARY 22, 2014

— *Within 3 weeks of convening of the General Court* —
Governor submits General Appropriation Bill.

MARCH 19, 2014

— *3rd Wednesday of March in 2nd Annual Session* —
Joint Rule 10 deadline.

Last day for reports to be made from joint committees
(on matters referred to them before to the previous
3rd Wednesday of February).

APRIL 30, 2014

— *Last Wednesday in April of Each Session* —
Last day to report on Proposals for Amendments
to the Constitution.

(Note: In the 2nd year, reports may be made only on measures
referred to committees subsequent to
Last Wednesday in April of 1st Annual Session).

MAY 6, 2014

— *Tuesday preceding first Wednesday in May* —

Last day to enact Initiative Petitions for changes in Laws.

MAY 14, 2014

— *2nd Wednesday in May of Each Year* —

Last day to call up a late filed Proposal for an
Amendment to the Constitution.

MAY 14, 2014

— *2nd Wednesday in May* —

Last day for the House committee on Ways and Means
to report the General Appropriation Bill.

Thursday,

JULY 31, 2014

— *Last day of July of the 2nd Annual Session* —

Last day for Formal Sessions.

NOVEMBER 5, 2014

— *1st Wednesday in November* —

Agency Filings Due.

Tuesday,

JANUARY 6, 2015

Tuesday preceding the

convening of a new General Court

— *on the 1st Wednesday in January of the 3rd year* —

Last day of Session of the 2nd Annual Session.

